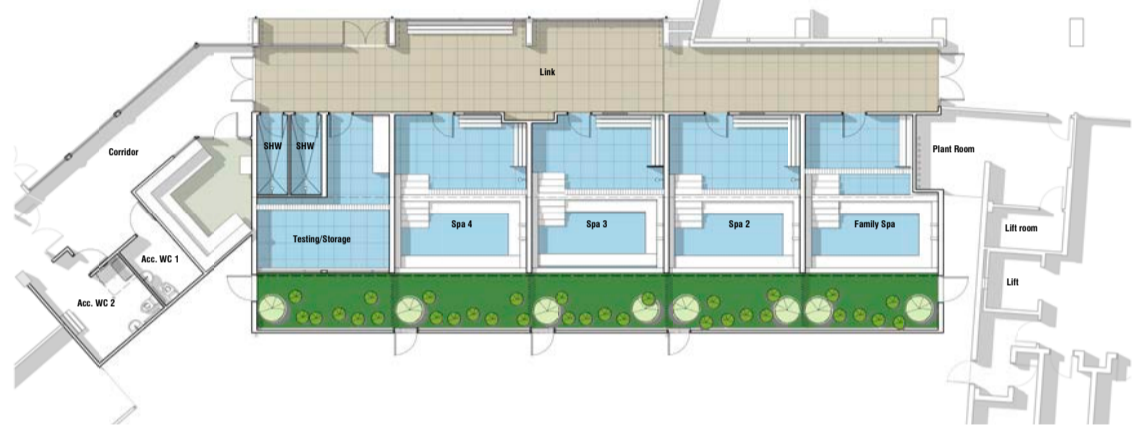




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## AC BATHS IMPROVEMENTS



**FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS WILL** soon get underway at the AC Baths, following approval by council for a new private pool area.

The AC Baths complex has undergone a number of upgrades this year including a new hydro-slide and a sauna refurbishment. Repainting of the outdoor pool is currently underway and expected to be finished in October.

The private pool area, which has been closed since early January due to age, will be refurbished with four new family pools and two additional showers for sauna users.

Business and operations manager Scott Attenborough said he was delighted to see the plan to upgrade the private pool area moving forward.

“The option chosen will make the area much more family friendly with all spas opening to a garden area.

“It is great to be able to see these improvements taking place and the enjoyment our community is getting out of the facilities,” he said.

The project, which was approved through the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan with a budget of \$1,155,000, is expected to get underway in December.



## SARAH CYCLES INTO NEW ROLE

**WE HAVE A** new road safety coordinator to help spread the message around safer driving habits and what to look out for on our roads around the Taupō District.

Sarah Wright is no stranger to us, she has held positions in our customer service centre, library and of late, as an on-call cycling instructor. This has seen her delve into the two-wheeled aspect of road safety, having recently gained accreditation as a BikeReady cycle skills instructor – a qualification she has been working towards over the last two years, attending workshops. The programme sees Sarah out and about in our schools supporting our kids to be safe on their bikes through our cycle safety programme.

The programme allows students to learn at different stages and is designed to help transition our kids from riding a bike around home or out in the park to out on the road.

“It’s rewarding to go out to the schools and make a difference with the kids,” Sarah says.

“We’ve had some really positive feedback from parents and teachers, but also from kids themselves, which is really important as it ultimately makes them more capable on the road, and much safer out there.”

Sarah is looking forward to the new role, as it encompasses all areas of road safety, including everything from rural road driving tips to the dangers of drunk driving and everything in between – as well as bike safety!

**ABOVE** Cycle instructors (left to right) Susan Osland, Kylie Overington, Cath Oldfield, Nadege Crocker, Sarah Wright, Bernhard Chrustowski and Nikki van Beek after gaining BikeReady accreditation. (Absent: Alison Cunningham and Katey Coubrough.)

- » For more information on getting children on a course, contact your local primary school.
- » To find out more about course detail and the programme, visit [bikeready.govt.nz](http://bikeready.govt.nz).

## NEW INTERSECTION LAYOUT COMPLETED



**THIS WEEK MARKED** the changes to the right of way at the intersection of Napier Road, Arrowsmith Avenue and Kiddle Drive.

The changes give traffic travelling on Kiddle Drive and Arrowsmith Avenue the right of way, with vehicles on Napier Road required to stop.

There will be large digital screens advising drivers of the change on each approach to the intersection, along with new fixed signs with ‘new road layout’ on the approaches.

In addition, signage displaying a reduced speed limit

of 30km/h approaching the intersection will also be in place for the next few weeks to help everybody get used to new layout.

We’re pleased to see this work completed as it will make this intersection safer for everyone who uses it including school children, cyclists, pedestrians and drivers.

Safety is our number one priority, so please take extra care and reduce your speed when approaching this intersection as we all get used to the new road layout.

### » WHAT'S ON?

- Oct 6 MTB Rogaine, Wharewaka
- Oct 11-13 McCartney Invitational Football Tournament, Crown Park
- Until Oct 28 Spring has Sprung, Taupō Museum
- Until Nov 4 From the Inside, Taupō Museum

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